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PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: We, of course, are back to a matter of philosophy and I can only say to my young friend that I do come from a different generation, one who thought that it was proper for a man to provide for himself and not wait for a sickening government who has put him in the condition we refer to to where he then becomes dependent on that government. I am reminded of a sow feeding a bunch of suckling pigs and one by one we add another pig to that sow and one by one we start cutting back the feed that we are giving here. Where do you think it is going to end? Possibly in all these predilections that can be made, maybe Senator Lewis has the answer to it but I go back to the better than 500 billions dollars in debts that all these inventive and noble pieces of legislation do not direct themselves to. I am leaving to my son the cost of my government and everyday I am adding to that cost and adding to that deficit. God help him. We don't know where he is going to go but he is going to have to have a bushel basket of money to do whatever it is he wants to do, thanks to his ancestors.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: I read that same statement once when I was a kid taking a history course. Coolidge or Hoover said it and I can't remember which but for the record and for Senator Murphy's information and to quiet the fears that might arise, the inclusion of these statutes in the bill that we are talking about now, in a balanced budget, in the state of Nebraska, I will guarantee you and I will give you my personal word, it will not take this country to death and degradation nor will it tumble the United States Government nor will countries fall right and left over providing these benefits for those previously retired people. I think America will be safe and well tomorrow, Senator Murphy, if this Legislature adopts this amendment. I think the deficit will probably still be there, if we don't. Those words were warm and heartening to me and almost brought a gleam of tear to my eye but, unfortunately, they were not related nor germane to this debate so again I oppose the Kelly amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was going to try to sit this one out but for the record, I want to add my words to the side of the issue that Senator Cavanaugh has expounded. When I hear expressions like those of Senator Murphy in this body talking about ancestors, and I know hard times. Now you didn't use exactly these words but that is the idea and you don't want the government to do this and the government to do that yet bankers want government to insure deposits, not for the depositor, but so that the banks can function. When I watched the insurance lobby make this Legislature turn tail, then there is no need standing up here any other time when it doesn't cost any money, when it angers no big interest group and can make you look good, at that time, stand up and say, let's do something for the people. What people? The insurance industry won this morning. I see a different special interest